

King's Children.

THE TRACT WORK.

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The editorial in EVANGELIST, No. 18 meets my approbation, and is along lines that I have already suggested, but as our time has been so much taken up with the work of organization, I have not found time to push any line of work especially. But now that our attention has been brought to this point, I will not keep you waiting to know my wish in the matter.

Brother McFaden wrote me some time ago with a proposition of a similar kind, and we had fully intended to bring it to the notice of our K. C. societies, and recommended it for action. Now, \$2 is not very much. The smallest society in the church can easily raise that amount, and some can send much more than that. And yet, if the seventy or more societies that are now recorded, will send in the \$2 it would give the Book and Tract work more than \$140, which amount will print a great many tracts, and on Brother Gnagey's proposition, would give the societies more than seventy dollars worth for free distribution.

Now to business. Let each society take this work up and proceed at once to raise the sum of \$2 for this Book and Tract work. This is but a small sum, yet it will be mighty when expended in the work. Send your remittance to Miss Emma Lichty, National Treasurer, Lanark, Ill., and state that the money is for Book and Tract society, and you will be duly credited with the amount you send, and it will be acknowledged through the B. E. and K. C. papers, and reported at our next National Convention.

There is no work that yields so abundant for so small an outlay, as the Tract work. Scatter Tracts. Let us take up this work now, and we will soon place it on its feet, and then we will be ready for something else.

Sometime ago we asked for responses on the question, "Shall we hold a National K. C. Convention at Ashland, in August?" So far we have had but few responses.

Now personally, *I believe in conventions.* The more the merrier, but in order to have a good profitable convention, we must have a general co-operation of all the societies, "i e" each society should send delegates if possible, and if they can not send delegates, they should be represented by letter, or well prepared papers on young people's work. I love to attend an *informal* all around general conven-

tion; it is like scattering good seed. If some do fall on the rocks, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the birds will get that which does not fall on good soil, and much will find its way into good soil, and who can tell what the harvest will be?

We are more than gratified with the work, and results of last year's convention, as the growth of the society and its general work has amply paid for the investment.

I think it has now began to dawn upon us all what can be accomplished by union and concerted action. We have already made a good start toward a good literature for our young people, and with a good strong pull together, we will in another year or two, be able to publish a literature second to none. And more, every dollar paid in for our own publications is a dollar in support of our own publishing house, which will some day be one of the best paying institutions we have in our church.

Our Sunday-school literature is now, second to none, and our K. C. work and its methods are being sought after by other societies and the growth and general interest has been truly wonderful. Recently, our workers have been interrogated as to the methods employed to hold our young people together, and how we managed to have such a large attendance and why the Juniors seemed to be so wonderfully interested in the work. The answer is simple, indeed. But perhaps they have not noticed that the Junior lessons in the K. C. paper by Sister Robinson, are the best that appear in print, and are just perfectly adapted for the work.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

In December 1893, the young people of what was called the Young People's Meeting met to re-organize under the constitution prepared by Rev. Talley. In January 1894, we had a membership of sixty-three, and in January 1895, the members numbered seventy-three, making ten additional members in one year. We hope in the coming year to add twice ten to our roll. We mean not only to put their names on the membership list, but to add them to the host of workers for Jesus Christ and the church. Too often, I fear, we young people think more of the worldly part of our meetings, such as good essays and eloquent speeches, than we do of the *real* object of meeting every Sabbath eve under the name of King's Children. I hope many souls may be brought to Christ through our meetings in the year 1895.

EDYTHE B. GROSSMAN,
Secretary of King's Children.

FROM ZANESVILLE, IND.

While it is not often that we report the work done by our Young People's Society, yet we love to hear of the successful efforts in other places. Our work is prospering. As we go on, more and more of God's love is revealed unto us. The work of the Juniors is very encouraging. If we live humbly at the feet of Jesus, we shall be able to accomplish something for the Master. Last year at Conference Brother Talley asked concerning the work which we intended to do for the Master. Are we all doing all we can?

Your sister in Christ.

DELLA M. GASKILL.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

We the King's Children of Milledgeville, Ill., do sincerely mourn the death of sister Julia Smith. She being a Charter member of the first society of King's Children, and did good work aiding its organization.

WHEREAS, Jesus our King has called dear Sister Julia to her reward, therefore be it

Resolved, That we members of Milledgeville K. C. society, extend to the family, our heartfelt sympathies in their bereavement, and that copies of these Resolutions be sent to the EVANGELIST, King's Children paper and the family home at Lancaster, Ohio.

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FRIENDSHIP OF CHRIST.

Any man, any soul, may have the friendship of Christ, or His words are without meaning. His heart aches with pity for our loneliness and for the poverty we misname riches. He will listen to what we have to tell Him; He will take what we have to offer him, however simple the story, however humble the fare. And He will give to us the heavenly food wherewith His earthly life was sustained—the meat that men know not of. While we talk with Him and He with us He will unfold to us the secret career—the blessed open secret that He would have us share with the whole world—"not to be ministered unto but to minister." Filled with His Spirit, we shall not desire to claim Him for ourselves alone. Our hearts will unfold with His open heartedness, and lonely souls will seek shelter with us, attracted by the light and warmth of His presence. They who have set wide the door of their being to Him have caught from the presence of this divine Guest their first hint of the possible rapture of living; they have had in the face of Christ, their first true glimpse of God.—*Lucy Larcom.*